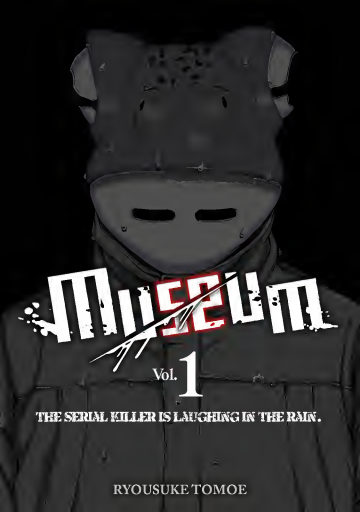




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VIGILANTISM

(NOUN):

WHEN PRIVATE
INDIVIDUALS
TAKE IT UPON
THEMSELVES
TO CARRY OUT
PUNISHMENT
OF A CRIMINAL
WITHOUT DUE
PROCESS
OF LAW.

[illegible]

HEY,
DADDY...
I DON'T
LIKE IT.

...IT'S
MY JOB,
YOU KNOW.

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THEY'RE
CALLING
YOU IN
AGAIN,
DEAR?

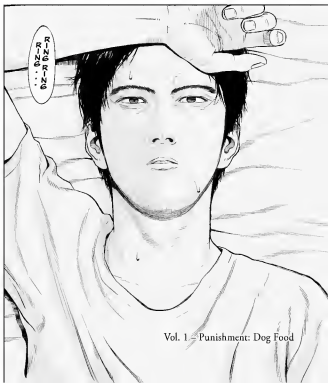
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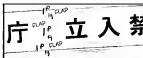
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Vol. 1 - Punishment: Dog Food





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*Tokyo Metropolitan Animal Welfare Center



METROPOLITAN POLICE
FIRST INVESTIGATION
DIVISION
SENIOR POLICE OFFICER
JUNICHI MORIYAMA (37)

...Sigh.



This is
the last
one.

Thanks
for your
help.

BARK



Dammit,
Nishino,
puking
again...?



SPLAT

SPLAT

METROPOLITAN POLICE
FIRST INVESTIGATION
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POLICE SERGEANT
HISASHI SAWAMURA (32)

Oh...
Sawamura-
sensei...
Thanks for
coming in on
your day off...

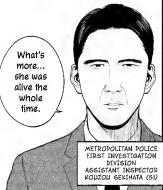
Yes, well...
what I saw
today was
particularly
stomach-
churning...

You're a
disgrace,
you know
that...?









What's more...
she was alive the
whole
time.

METROPOLITAN POLICE
FIRST INVESTIGATION
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ASSISTANT INSPECTOR
KOUZOU SEKIHATA (34)



The dogs
ate her.
That's
how she
was killed.



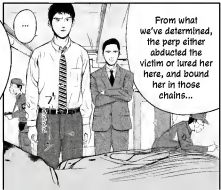
Jesus...



Then he must
have left those
starving dogs
in the room
with her and
fled the scene.



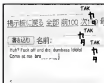
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From what
we've determined,
the perp either
abducted the
victim or lured her
here, and bound
her in those
chains...



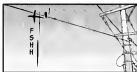


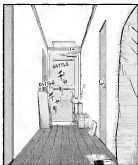
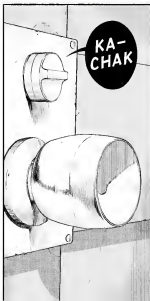




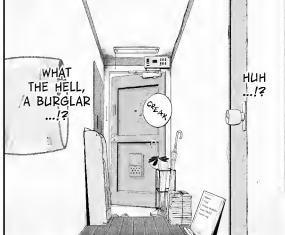




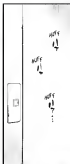














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Hey man,
it's green.

Ah...
right.



So all we could
gather is that
someone in a
raincoat was
spotted loitering
around near the
scene...



Man, if you
always let it
get to you,
this job ain't
for you...

Yes
sir...



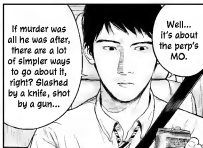
You feeling
all right
over there?

...



How do I put
it...somehow
that scene...
even the smell
stuck with
me...

Wh...
yes.







*Be responsible for your pets. Neglecting or abandoning an animal is a CRIME.



*Tokyo Metropolitan Animal Welfare Center







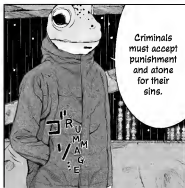






You are
guilty.

A verdict
has been
reached.



Criminals
must accept
punishment
and atone
for their
sins.



Mmm!

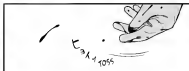
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Punishment: Know your mother's pain

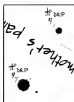












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NOO!

NO
STOP!



*Metropolitan Police Department



*First Investigation Division



METROPOLITAN
POLICE CRIMINAL
INVESTIGATION DEPT.
FIRST INVESTIGATION
DIVISION CHIEF
TOSHIO OKABE (57)

What does
this even
mean...?





She was
killed as
punishment
for
something.

Yes
sir...

And that
*dog food
punishment*
was the
recommended
sentence.



I don't know if
this is vigilantism
or what have you,
but I don't have
time to go along
with your wild
imagination.

Speculation,
Sawamura?

Going by what's
written on that
paper, it may have
had to do with a
dog... For
instance—

What we still
don't know is
why the victim
warranted
that particular
penalty.



Take this
down to
identification.

Yes
sir!



Sir!



Imagination?
Now wait
just a minute,
Chief.

Hey,
Nishino.



We just got a match...



I don't want you getting ahead of yourself and inventing a whole case out of thin air.

All you have to go on is a scrap of paper that a dog coughed up.



Chief.

You have a bad habit of rushing things.

At this point we haven't even identified the victim yet.



With all due respect ...

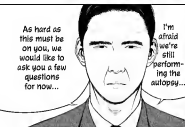


A missing persons report was filed by her boyfriend three days ago at a police station near their residence. The address is—



The victim is Akemi Uehara. 26, female. Employed at an apparel company.





Well, have you noticed or experienced anything recently that struck you as odd?



Anything at all, however trivial it may seem...

Perhaps someone held a grudge against her?



Was Akemi-san in any sort of trouble recently?

Such a short time...



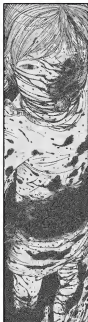
That girl was kind to everybody... She wasn't the sort of person who would give anyone a reason to hate her...



No one that I can think of!



I know this is hard on you, but please try to think ...









The gist here is that someone who threw out her dog for a man was then mauled to death by wild dogs...

TICK
TICK

That really pisses me off...



However, she couldn't find anyone to adopt it, so she had no choice but to take it to a shelter...

...It was probably put down.



Like I thought... this was personal.

It could have been someone who knew of the victim's situation, like a relative.



I just can't imagine she was killed simply because she got rid of a dog.



Yeah...



To go that far, the perp must have had one hell of a grudge...

Owners who give up their pets are a dime a dozen...

But the killer had another motive.



What
if?



What
if...



It's harder
on my body
if I don't.



Sure,
I don't
mind.

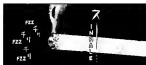
Didn't
you quit
though?

Oh.

Mind if I
smoke?



Well,
it seems
like in my
case...























QUIT
LAUGHING
AND GET IT
OFFA ME
AWREADY!



METRO-
POLITAN
MUSEUM,
LOCKED IN
WITH MY
FAVORITE
PAINT-



THEY
ARE NOT
POLITICIANS,
THEY'RE
TERRORISTS.

テロリストだよ



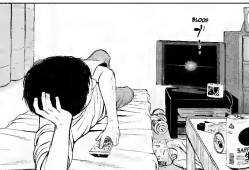
WE'RE SEEING
A SEASONAL
RAIN FRONT
DEVELOPING,
SO I WOULD NOT
RECOMMEND
PARTING WITH
YOUR UMBRELLA
JUST YET THIS
WEEK.



FOLLOWING
THE CASE OF A
MALE FEDERAL
JUDGE IN HIS
40S, WHO HAS
BEEN MISSING
SINCE THE
2ND OF THE
MONTH...

ON TO
OUR NEXT
STORY.

ただ行方わからず











Uuugh,
I freaking
knew that's
what you
were after!

Vol. 3 – Common Thread



I ain't
got the
cash,
stupid.



Huh?!

Okay,
a hotel
then.



What's the
big deal?
Ain't nobody
around.

Nuh-uh,
not here!
I'll do it at
your house.



Forget
that, okay?
Please,
just for a
little bit?

Oh my
god, you're
calling
me stupid
now!?

Uuugh.



No can do,
my old lady's
home today.









Lived with his mother, who filed a missing persons report yesterday evening. It was under investigation as a special runaway case.

Special case?

Yes. The victim was apparently a severe shut-in, so for him to disappear without warning...



Is there some significance to this number?



Sir. The victim's full name is Yuuichi Tsutsumi. 28, unemployed.

How are we for ID on our friend here?

*When a runaway is considered highly likely to be involved in incident or accident



We're also investigating what looks like boot prints inside the house.



Both the lights and the computer were still on in his room.

None of the shoes he owns were missing. And the front door shows signs of lockpicking.



Undoubtedly the same prints we have here...















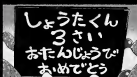












*Happy 3rd Birthday Shouta-kun!









But that's about all I can tell you.

About that... just like before, a person in a rain slicker was spotted around the scene of the crime.



Our opponent seems to be trickier than we expected...







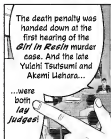
Just cut to the chase!

Remember, Yuichi Tsutsumi, the unemployed shut-in? At the start of the year, he did have some income, though not much. The rate was 9,000 yen a day, for seven days plus travel expenses for coming and going. It seems we overlooked... It at first, but now that we—

Hey!



Yes. To be honest, I was shocked!



The death penalty was handed down at the first hearing of the *Girl in Resin* murder case. And the late Yuichi Tsutsumi and Akemi Uehara...

...were both lay judges!



Yes sir! On February 3rd this year...



Like I said, the common thread is they were both lay judges

Not that! Before that!



What did you just say?



Say what...?



My wife
was
also...

...a lay
judge at
that trial.



...the death
penalty was
handed
down...

On the
3rd of
February
...



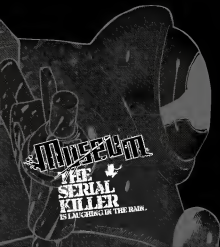
The lay judge
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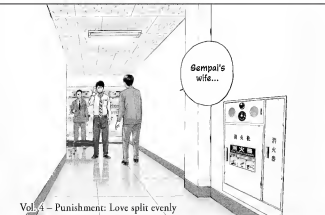
What's
wrong,
Sawamura?



Vol. 3 - Common Thread - END











I have no
idea where
she is...
at the
moment.

She took
off about a
week ago
with our kid
in tow.



THE
NUMBER
YOU HAVE
DIALED HAS
BEEN—

*Aaargh!
Are you
fucking
kidding
me?!*



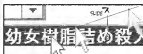
She
what...?



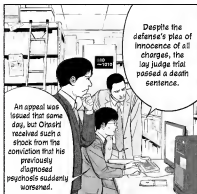




捜査資料室
INVESTIGATION RECORDS



*GIRL IN RESIN MURDER CASE





Since the suspect's death, all documents have been released to the prosecutor's office.

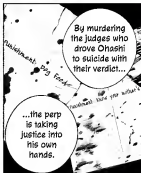
He was transported to a police hospital, where he then hung himself.



Yeah. It's a valid line of reasoning.



In that case, these two vigilante murders could be revenge by someone who was close to Ohashi.



By murdering the judges who drove Ohashi to suicide with their verdict...

...the perp is taking justice into his own hands.



...



*Still missing



THERE ARE STILL NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SEARCH. THE POSSIBILITY THAT HE HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN SOME INCIDENT IS HIGH. THE POLICE CONTINUE THE INVESTIGATION...



FSHH



Delivery
for you.



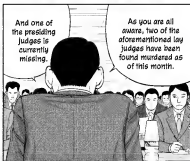
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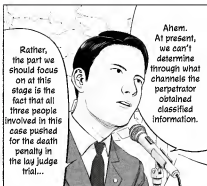
Lay Judge Serial
Murder Case

Special
Investigation
HQ





WHILE WE
CAN'T JUMP TO
CONCLUSIONS,
WE CAN SAY IT'S
A POSSIBILITY
THAT THIS IS
AN ACT OF
RETRIBUTION ON
BEHALF OF THE
MAN ACCUSED.



Rather,
the part we
should focus
on at this
stage is the
fact that all
three people
involved in this
case pushed
for the death
penalty in
the lay judge
trial...

Ahem.
At present,
we can't
determine
through what
channels the
perpetrator
obtained
classified
information.



TEITOKU
KOZUMI, MALE
PRESIDING
JUDGE,
MISSING



AKEMI
UEHARA,
ALSO
MURDERED.



THOSE
WHO VOTED
THE DEATH
PENALTY
ARE AS
FOLLOWS.

YUTACHI
TEITOKU,
MURDERED



TSUNENOBU
MAYA,
SERVICE
BUSINESS
OWNER.



AYANO
SETOUCHI,
FEMALE
PRESIDING
JUDGE.



She's not
with her
parents or
a friend!

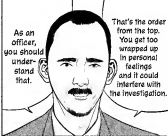
I called
every
place I
could
think of
from
**A to
fucking
Z!**



Why should I
be pulled from
the case when
it's *my wife
and son* who
are in danger?!

How could
I possibly
be *calm*?!







Hey,
Haruka.



That
can't be
right...
It's too
sudden.

Huh?
Enough
with the
jokes.



I've made
up my
mind.

It'll just be
Shouta and
me from
now on.



Maybe
...
?



Maybe to
someone who
spent all this
time ignoring
our feelings.

Sudden?



Come
on.

...







This
ain't a
joke.

...

THUMP

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THUMP

THUMP



HARUKA...

SHOUTA...

I'm
going to
find you.
I swear!



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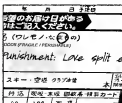
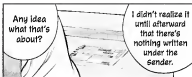
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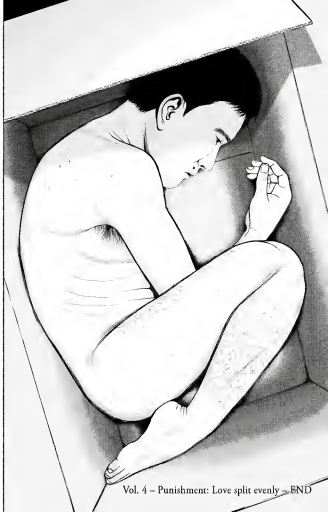


As if I'd
let that
happen!!

BAM









Vol. 3 - Punishments Forever beautiful



Lay Judge Serial Murder Case

Based
on the
above...

Investigation
HQ





Concurrent with
the investigation
of the lay judge
serial murders...



IT IS
NECESSARY
TO REOPEN
EFFECTIVELY
IMMEDIATELY THE
CASE OF SHIGERU
OHASHI, WHO HUNG
HIMSELF IN HIS
HOSPITAL ROOM
THIS FEBRUARY.



NOW FOR THE
DIVISIONS
OF THE
INVESTIGATION...



幼女園詣り殺人事件

被害者
大橋 茂 (44歳、男)

発覚日時
1983年 12月6日

所在地

YOU'LL PROBE
OHASHI'S
RELATIVES AS
WELL AS CLOSE
FRIENDS FOR
POSSIBLE
SUSPECTS.

Yes
Sir.

SEKIHATA
SQUAD.





Between midday and this evening, Koizumi's body was discovered... split vertically in half between two cardboard boxes...



First, at his residence...



...and second at the office where his former lover works. Both were delivered separately.



What did you say?!



Inspector Sekihata, that's the third one!



...

What in God's name...

















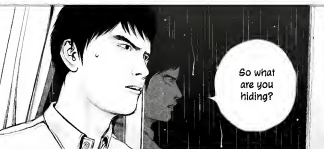
o-
okay.



...
Hold on,
Kayo-
chan.



You know,
I'm a
detective,
in a sense.



So what
are you
hiding?





Akiyama-san,
what are you
doing raising
your voice?!



How can
you say
something
that cruel so
calmly?

If Haruka has
another guy, she
could be staying
with him! If so,
she'd confide in
you, Kayo-chan!
Are you keeping
it from me?!

Oh,
my
god!



Honestly,
just get
back to
work!

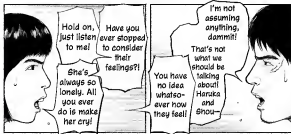


I'm so
sorry,
ma'am!

You'll
upset the
residents!
People are
trying to
sleep at this
hour!



As for you,
Detective, please
refrain from
inconveniencing
our residents!







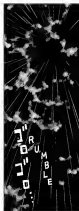
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*Kurihara Heights

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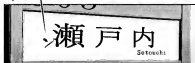
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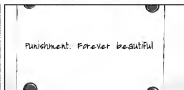
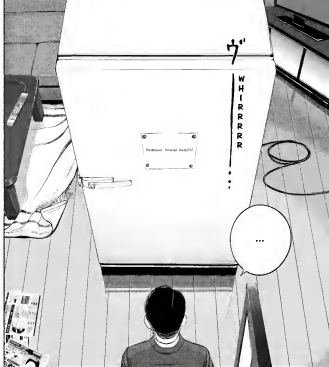
Yeah.
The higher-ups must be freaking out, what with bodies turning up one after another...

That lady judge we're checking on... I just hope we can get her into protective custody safe and sound.

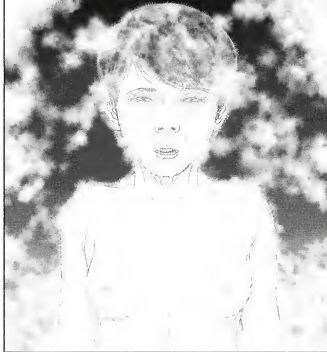






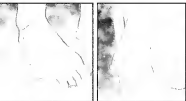






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Punishment: Forever beautiful



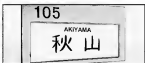
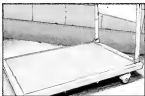






'Our doctors will transform you into a truly bewitching beauty!'











She's
working
at such
a late
hour?

Yes.
She usually
gets home
around dawn.



We were hoping to
speak with her,
but she wouldn't
pick up her phone,
so we came in
person.



Whew...
Is that
all?

Sorry.
Unfortunately
Kayo is still
at work.

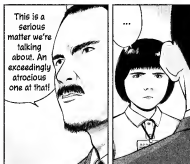


If you want
the address,
it's only a
couple of
minutes by car
from here.











Those two are in grave danger. We have to find them as soon as possible and place them under protection.

For various reasons, we can't go into detail, but...



Yeah?



Wh-what do you mean?



Shouta's in danger too as long as he's with her! *We don't have time for this!*

Haruka's being targeted by some *crazy mystery killer!*





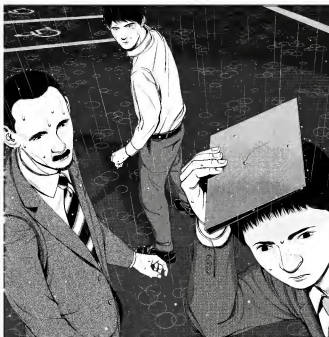




Ah...

Um,
hey!











HEAVY RAIN - Beware of Slipping



Yes. We'll
be at the
apartment
where we
saw him
in several
minutes!





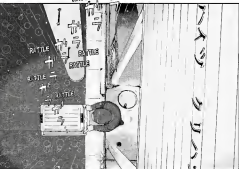
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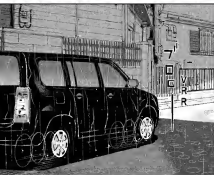
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AKIYAMA

秋山













Who?!

You two hurry up and check her room! I'm going after that bastard!



Sawamura!



The man in the raincoat!



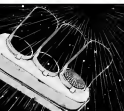
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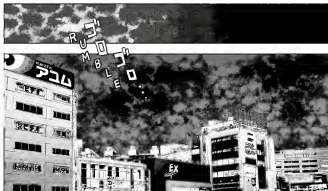










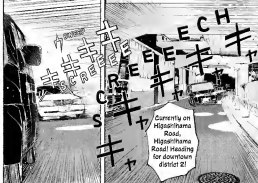




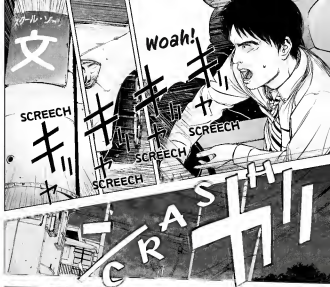


Punishment: Stick a needle in your mouth









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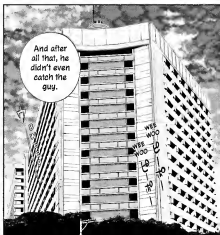
The World of the Living is happening in the city.



Vol.8 ~ Same Smell.



Just had to go butting his head in. Never mind that they pulled him off the investigation.



And after all that, he didn't even catch the guy.



Now he's suspended until they figure out how to deal with him.



Out of curiosity, what are your thoughts?



On what?



Yeah, I heard.

I hope they have a little compassion and let him off easy.



Cut that out!
It's bad karma.

That's our colleague's family.



How do you think he'll do it this time?

Come on...
Devoured by dogs. Stuck in a fridge. Choked on thumbtacks.



Maybe if it
were just for
ransom,
but his
goal is
murder.

You can
tell from the
atmosphere
that most of
HQ has given
up on the
possibility of
their survival.



Yeah I
know, but...
it's been
almost a full
day since they
were taken.



And the
search came
up empty.



You can't
say for sure
they've
been killed,
though.

...



But those
two are just
toys for that
lunatic's
amusement
by now.



I know this
isn't fair on
Sawamura...



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What an
optimist,
you are.

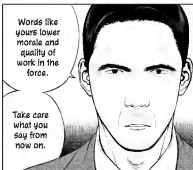




I'm very
sorry.

Words like
yours lower
morale and
quality of
work in the
force.

Take care
what you
say from
now on.

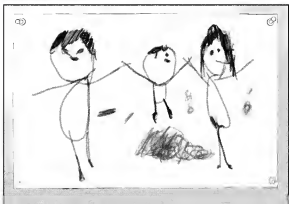




THE METROPOLITAN
POLICE HAVE DECLINED
TO COMMENT ON
ANY RELATION TO
THE INVESTIGATION
CURRENTLY UNDERWAY.
WHAT INFORMATION
WE DO HAVE...







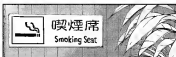


THEY'RE
ALIVE...



...I'M SURE
OF IT.
HARUKA
AND SHOUTA
ARE ALIVE.











Thank you
for waiting.



Give
me a
freakin'
break,
man.



Please
enjoy.



Therefore the
head office
intends to
continue with
the investigation
hinging on the
grudge theory...

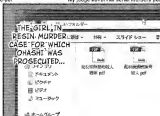
Nevertheless,
the five who were
murdered, as
well as your wife,
all considered
Ohashi in their
opinion to be
guilty.



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CLICK

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ONE
MONTH
LATER...

EEK!
EEK!
EEK!



WHILE SHOP-
PING AT THE
SUPERMARKET
WITH HER
MOTHER, SHE
SUDDENLY
DISAPPEARED.

THE MURDER
VICTIM WAS
FOUR-YEAR-OLD
YUME MIRAMI.



NOT FAR FROM HER HOME,
THE BODY OF A LITTLE GIRL
WAS DISCOVERED SUBMERGED
IN A SOLID RECTANGULAR
BLOCK OF THE SAME
URETHANE RESIN THAT'S USED
IN HANDMADE ACCESSORIES.



AFTER HE WENT
VOLUNTARILY TO
BE QUESTIONED,
HE CONFESSED
TO THE CRIME.



FOLLOWING
THE DEATH
SENTENCE
HANDED DOWN
BY A LAY
JUDGE TRIAL,
HIS CHRONIC
MENTAL DIS-
ORDER TOOK
A TURN FOR
THE WORSE.



THE INVESTIGA-
TION FOLLOWED
THE TRAIL TO
SHIGERU OHASHI,
A NEIGHBORHOOD
MAN PREVIOUSLY
CONVICTED OF
PAYING FOR SEX
WITH MINORS.

HE WORKED A
PLASTIC FACTORY
WHERE HE HANDLED
URETHANE RESIN.







Don't they
smell the
same to
you?



The Girl In
Resin murder,
and now our
Lay Judge
abnormal serial
murders...





You mean
...

...If
Ohashi
was
innocent.

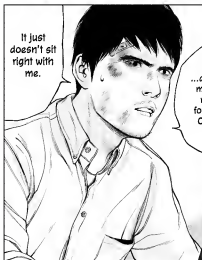


If so, there's
nothing strange
about looking at the
two cases as one
crime, right?



...

Falsely
accused
...



It just
doesn't sit
right with
me.

...as nothing
more than
revenge
for Shigeru
Ohashi...

Yeah.
The idea
of these
fucked-up
lay judge
serial
murders...







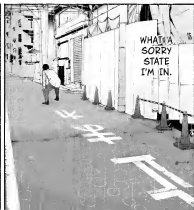




















Nishino!

S-sempai...!

*Stay back!
He...
has a gun.*









Heh
heh
heh!



Ngh!



Wh-what
are you
after, you
murderer?!



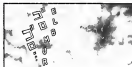
Wh...

I am not a
murderer...





I've given
life to quite
a few pieces
so far.



...?!



?



So I can't
help but be
frustrated.



I poured
my passion
into all of
them...

...to create
something no
one else could
imitate.



The world believes one
of my masterpieces
was the work of some
oblivious commoner—
that Shigeru Ohashi
nobody....

All because six blind
fools handed down
a thoughtless verdict
based on circumstantial
evidence and the
impression they got
from the media.



The credit
should have
been *mine*.







To be continued in Vol. 2...

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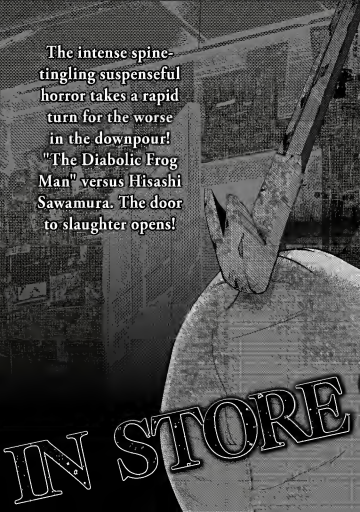
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